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FM AMEMBASSY BOGOTA

TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 0442

INFO AMEMBASSY CARACAS

AMEMBASSY QUITO

AMEMBASSY LIMA

AMEMBASSY LA PAZ

DIRONDCP WASHDC

JOINT STAFF WASHDC

SECDEF WASHDC

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SUBJECT: MEDIA REACTION: ALLEGED CIA PRISONS

Lead editorial in top national daily "El Tiempo" (12/12)
entitled: "The Boomerang Effect of Torture," states:

"The recent revelations alleging torture and other questionable covert activity by the United States makes the scandals of Guantanamo and Abu Graib seem insignificant... The shocking revelations about systematic human rights violations by the CIA and other agencies of the United States in different parts of the world--particularly in European countries where they have had secret prisons--calls into question the Washington-led war on terrorism... The United States government is going to extremes, equal or worse than the methods they accuse their enemies of using... These practices are generating a boomerang effect that has begun to unite European governments, the US Senate, and international organizations like the UN in an alliance against torture and against the current handling of the anti-terrorism leadership of the United States and the United Kingdom."

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